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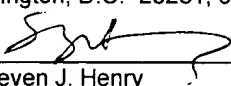
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Drawing:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the application by adding thereto Figure 3 as enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

According to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed November 21, 2001, Figure 3 appears to have been omitted from the application when filed. Notwithstanding that Figure 3 was, in fact, submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with the nonprovisional application papers, it is not seen necessary to petition under 37 CFR §1.53(e) inasmuch as the addition of Figure 3 does not involve entry of new matter. The Figure is completely described in the specification. As a demonstration that Figure 3 does not involve new matter, the undersigned Applicants' attorney presented to a technology specialist on his staff a copy of the application and drawings, less the page containing Figure 3, with the instruction that he draw, from that material only, what he thought Figure 3 to be. The technology specialist, Marc Johannes, drew the Figure 3 shown in **Exhibit A** hereto. Other than the fact that his

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